

PUBLIC LEDGER.

Office, No. 13 Madison Street.
LARGEST CITY CIRCULATION.

Human Tortures.
From the Cornhill Magazine.

The medieval penal code evidenced monstrosities just as carefully as weakness. Its capital and other corporal punishments might be rather more frequent than modern prudishness approve of, but excellent care was taken to direct them to the uniformity. Mr. Justice Trevelyan, the very worthy predecessor of Jeffrey, was quite an artist in this species of deadly variety, as the followers of John Bull and Wat Tyler experienced, some of whom he hanged four times over before he allowed them to die. But clever as our English adepts were—some of them were exceedingly so—we must admit that their continental rivals, with whom, in the good old time, death was beyond all question, the veritable "king of terrors." Thanks to our novelists, the reading public is pretty well acquainted with the commoner appliances of torture; and we are, therefore, not under the necessity of enlarging upon such fascinating items as the rack, the wheel, the thumbscrew, and the like. But these were the everyday forms of punishment. There were always individuals, princes and politicians, especially of the Byzantine empire, whose superior to such vulgar usages, and with whom "killing by inches" was not a mere figure of speech, but a dread reality. Indeed, some of their detestable inventions of cruelty have obtained as wide celebrity as the ball of the pike. There was the chamber of the crucifixion, in which the sufferer was packed, and the lid, heavily weighted, shut down on him. There were the "bercules," consisting of a mattress, on which the victim was fastened by the neck with bullock's sinews to keep him from moving, while his legs were passed through a kind of stocks, and crushed between two great logs of wood, on the uppermost of which a man was seated, the process being repeated on the third day, which, as the old chronicler tells us, "is the cruellest thing that ever was heard of."

There were the iron cages of Louis XI, in which some of his victims spent years, and which were so maliciously contrived that every position—standing, sitting or lying—was equally uncomfortable. The master contrivance of all these delicate inventions for producing excruciating agony were the "casser de la verge" of Baden Baden, and the "iron coffin" of Lisea. In the former the prisoner, blindfold and fastened in a chair, was lowered by a winch through a well-like shaft, reaching down to the top of the castle deep down into the heart of the rock on which it stands, so deep—for the shaft still exists—that the visitor passing beneath can barely discern the glimmering daylight at the top. Here he was immured in a dungeon hewn out of the living stone, and fitted with a door of the material a foot thick, so artfully constructed that it was not to be distinguished from the adjoining wall. In this miserable cell, surrounded by darkness that might be felt—silent, helpless, hopeless, like a toad in the centre of its block—he remained until the hour of trial. He was then brought before his judges, who awaited him, masked and solemn, in a large excavation, called the hall of judgment. From there he was conducted to the torture chamber—a den amply supplied with all the necessary implements—and subject to amenities according to the discretion of his judges. This over, the captive was sped through the last act of the tragedy. He was unhooked from his iron bed and directed to kiss a bronze statue of the Virgin, that stood at the end of the passage leading from the chamber, as the seal of whatever declaration had been wrung from his agony. Wearily he dragged himself along, with tottering limbs and failing strength, until, as he raised his lips to the mild face of the Madonna, a trap-door gave way beneath his tread, and precipitated him fathoms down upon a series of delicately poised wheels—

"All horror with protesting appears!" which his fall set in rapid motion. Nor do we exaggerate in the least; for the fragments of the murderous machinery, stuck thickly over with bits of bone and pieces of dress, still remain at the bottom of the fearful chasms. More awful still was the punishment of the iron coffin, wherein the prisoner saw his dungeon contracting round him day by day, and hour by hour, the side creeping up and the roof creeping down—slowly, steadily, silently, passionless as fate, and as remorselessly the dread machinery, maintaining the calm monotony of its march through the lingering days and nights of horror, until the final collapse crushed him.

The estimate cost of the glazing alone of the proposed new Postoffice in New York will be nearly \$75,000.

T. B. MICO, Attorney-at-Law, 53 Union Street, opposite Municipal Court Room, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

A CHANGE. THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING BOUGHT out the interest of John K. Little, of the firm of J. K. Little & Co., respectfully inform the public and patrons that we will continue the business at the old stand, Nos. 141 and 143 Postoffice street, under the name of LITTLE & MOHRER, to be known as THE CITY GROCERY, where we trust, by fair and honest dealing, with steady application to business, to continue to merit the patronage and confidence of our old customers, and by being ever ready to oblige to others, cause them to feel it to be their own interest to patronize us. Thanking our many friends for the liberal patronage bestowed upon us in the past, we subscribe ourselves, Respectfully, J. K. LITTLE & MOHRER, Memphis, June 10, 1898.

Notice of Dissolution. THE FIRM OF J. W. GRANT & CO. was this day dissolved by mutual consent. J. W. Grant will wind up the business. J. W. GRANT, H. M. JONES, June 9, 1898.

Highly Important to Advertisers. OUR OWN NEWSPAPER. Is Published every Thursday, by ST. CLAIR and JAS. M. LAURENCE, Under the firm name of LAURENCE BROS. IN CONNECTION WITH THE PAPER A traveling and local Book and Newspaper Agency has been established. We collect and remit with every order. We publish and desire to be known for them, and we want more copies to be sent to us. All important publications will be noticed in the paper, under the name of LAURENCE BROS. Agents and Publishers, Memphis, Tenn.

TAILORING.

IF YOU WANT YOUR CLOTHING

CLEANED, DYED OR REPAIRED, You can get it done on Short Notice, for Reduced Prices, at

No. 32 Union Street

LIST OF PRICES: Cleaning and Pressing Coat, \$1.00; Cleaning and Pressing Vest, .75; Dyeing and Pressing Coat, .75; Dyeing and Pressing Vest, .50; Repairing in proportion to the above reduced prices.

P. M. CAVANAUGH, 32 Union Street.

SEEDSMEN.

R. G. CRAIG & CO., SEEDSMEN,

370 MAIN ST., MEMPHIS, TENN.

JUST RECEIVED: Hungarian Grass Seed, At Craig's Seed Store; Seed Buckwheat, At Craig's Seed Store; Stock Peas, At Craig's Seed Store; Grain Cradles and Grain Sifters, At Craig's Seed Store; Geddes' Harrows, At Craig's Seed Store; Knox Horse Hoe, At Craig's Seed Store; Lime, Plaster and Cement, At Craig's Seed Store; Superphosphate and Land Plaster, At Craig's Seed Store.

TRUSTEES' SALE—BY VIRTUE OF THE power conferred on me by Deed of Trust from Gabriel Southern, dated 6th April 1887, South Memphis, ninety feet, east of Shelby street, in book No. 23, page 209, 210 and 211, I will, on Tuesday, 22nd day of June, 1898, between 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m., on the premises, in the city of Memphis, proceed to sell at public sale to the highest bidder, for cash, the following real estate in said city with improvements: Beginning at a point in the east line of Shelby street, in block No. 4, in the Butler division of the southeast corner of the intersection of Butler and Shelby streets; thence running said point northwardly with the east line of Shelby street forty-five feet; thence eastwardly two hundred and twenty-two feet six inches; thence northwardly forty-five feet; thence westwardly two hundred and twenty-two feet six inches to the east line of Shelby street, the beginning.

THE MOST PAINFUL PILES RELIEVED PERMANENTLY WITHOUT PHYSIC. Schenck's Galvanic Instrument, almost instantaneously and certainly, and good for a lifetime; also, vaginal and uterine diseases, treated with the same instrument, and the principle discovered. Private testimonials of efficacy on hand. The patient being now treated, we are prepared from this time forward to furnish them by express, or to Druggists generally, and by wholesale in any quantity, on short notice and with liberal discount. Address SCHENCK'S, 125 N. 3rd St., Memphis, Tenn.

Fortune-Telling Extraordinary. A CHANCE IN A MAGNIFICENT RAPID and your fortune told for the price of one dollar, the proceeds to go to the relief of destitute widows, orphans and needy families, and to learn their destiny, and at the same time do a charitable act, call on Mrs. Phoebe, corner of Mulberry and Beal streets, Memphis, Tenn.

You are Interested! For \$25, \$40, \$50 or \$100, you can buy one of the celebrated Star Shuttle Sewing Machines! THESE MACHINES ARE A WONDERFUL achievement of Mechanical Skill and Inventive Genius, and for Simplicity, Durability and Beauty, they stand unrivaled. They make a stitch close and even, and will sew on any fabric. A Cutler can use them. Satisfaction guaranteed. Every Machine warranted for THREE YEARS. We have no established Agency, we will send either priced Machine, ready for use, on receipt of Cash Order, with full and explicit instructions. Further particulars and Sample Work furnished on application. Ask for Agent's name.

THE OXFORD FALCON, At \$3.50 per Annum, OFFERS GREAT ADVANTAGES AS AN Advertising Medium. The State University, U. S. Court and High Court, Errors and Appeals, are located at Oxford, Miss.

WHITE COUNTY RECORD, SHARBY, ARK. IT HAS A GOOD CIRCULATION IN ALL the mountain counties, and is the Only Newspaper in the Little River Valley. The RECORD is read by all the merchants in White, Van Buren, Conway, Izard and Sevier counties; also by many in Woodruff, Prairie, Jackson and Independence. Address JACOB F. BOLLER, Sharby, Ark.

MECHANICAL.

The Singer Manufacturing Co.'s WORLD-RENOVED Patent Straight Needle, Perpendicular Action

Sewing Machines. THE SUPERIOR MERITS OF THE "SINGER" MACHINE are well known to all who have used or manufactured them. They are well established and are generally admitted, that no other machine of their relative excellence is so long considered necessary.

275 Main Street, where they will be cheerfully exhibited, and any information promptly furnished. J. B. All the machines manufactured by this company make the famous Lock Stitch, the only stitch which is universally approved, or is at all adapted for domestic work.

JUKES & SCOTT, TIN, COPPER AND SHEET-IRON WORKERS, AND DEALERS IN STOVES AND TIN WARE.

Cotton Brands and Stencil Plates Out. Principal Depot for the Aurora Oil. ROOFING, GUTTERING AND ORNAMENTAL WORK promptly executed and warranted. Also, sole manufacturers in Tennessee of BANKER'S SAFETY CAN.

TRANSPORTATION. QUICKEST ROUTE TO NEW YORK. ALL Principal Northern Cities. — IS BY THE — Memphis & Louisville R. R. Line. SUMMER SCHEDULES, JUNE, 1898. DOUBLE DAILY THROUGH TRAINS RUN AS FOLLOWS:

Leave Memphis: 7:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m.; Arrive at Louisville: 4:40 a.m., 12:30 p.m.; Indianapolis: 10:00 a.m., 8:00 p.m.; Cincinnati: 11:00 a.m., 11:30 p.m.; Cleveland: 9:30 p.m., 6:25 a.m.; Buffalo: 5:20 a.m., 1:35 p.m.; Niagara: 4:40 a.m., 1:05 p.m.; Pittsburgh: 2:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m.; Baltimore: 6:30 p.m., 4:10 a.m.; Philadelphia: 6:10 a.m., 1:25 p.m.; New York: 7:40 p.m., 2:00 a.m.; Boston: 12:12 a.m., 4:00 p.m.

Through Tickets at reduced rates can be procured at Company's Office, 257 1/2 Main street, and at depot, head of Main street. Baggage Checked at depot, or by the Memphis City Transfer Company, at Hotels, private residences, or on board boats, to all principal points East and North. S. M. B. JONES, Superintendent, ASA B. LITTLE, Passenger Agent.

LEDDIN'S Business College. No. 238 Main Street. Open the entire Year for the reception of Students. THE COURSE OF STUDY IS EXTENDED. Thorough and practical, affording superior facilities for obtaining a sound Business Education. The most thorough instruction will be given in Commercial and Exchange calculations, Mental and Practical Arithmetic. The Pennsylvania Department of the College is open from 8 to 12 a.m., and 2 to 5 p.m. A separate Department for Ladies. T. LEDDIN, Principal.

\$35,000 WORTH OF DRUGS AT COST! At No. 318 Main Street. WHOLESALE DRUG EMPORIUM. WE WILL CONTINUE TO SELL OUR entire stock of Drugs, Medicines, Dyes, Plants, Oils, Liquors, Potatoes, Perfumery, Soap and Fancy Toilet Articles, general, etc., now on hand in broken packages, to the RETAIL AND TOWN AND COUNTRY DRUG TRADE, and to Physicians. AT COST, until the whole stock is closed out, with a view to making our trade a WHOLESALE AND RETAIL BUSINESS. We therefore hold out these inducements to the trade, who wish to buy every thing usually kept in a Wholesale and Retail Drug Store, at greatly reduced prices.

THE OKOLONA NEWS, G. D. WINSON, Editor, Published in the town of Okolona, Miss., every Thursday Morning. THE NEWS IS PUBLISHED IN ONE OF the most thriving towns on the line of the Mobile and Ohio railroad; has over one thousand readers, and is a valuable advertising medium for MEMPHIS MERCHANTS, whose interests will be greatly enhanced in North Mississippi by making their business known through the columns. S. A. Wells & Co., 60 North Court street, are agents for this paper.

THE TRENTON WEEKLY GAZETTE. Published in the center of West Tennessee, and in the most prosperous and populous country in West Tennessee, save Shelby, and is offered to the business men of Memphis as THE BEST Advertising Medium. A this end of the State. It circulates in nearly all the counties west of the Tennessee river. P. T. & J. H. GLASS, Editors and Proprietors.

INSURANCE.

INSURANCE COMPANY, HARTFORD, CONN.

INCORPORATED 1810. ASSETS, JULY 1, 1898. Cash on hand, in bank and with agents, \$57,230.00; United States Bonds, \$12,277.00; Real Estate, unimproved, \$6,250.00; State Bonds, \$2,350.00; New York Bank Stocks, \$34,170.00; Hartford Bank Stocks, \$20,410.00; Miscellaneous Bank Stocks, \$20,000.00; Railroad Stocks, \$1,111.56. Total, \$141,136.66.

LIABILITIES. Losses unadjusted and not due, \$27,230.00; Net, \$34,294.25; Income for last year net, \$200,000.00; A daily income of \$2,000.00; Losses and expenses, \$2,541.29; Tax paid, Government and State, \$13,177.34; Total losses paid in 7 years, \$13,177.34; By Fire, \$17,543.00; Total, \$1,543,400.00. Loss by Portland Fire, July 4th.

THE total amount covered by the Atina Policy on property destroyed or damaged is \$300,000, on which salvage will be about five per cent. Our total loss will not vary much from \$15,000, and was promptly adjusted and paid. This sum is five per cent. upon the Company's assets, a figure but slightly exceeding our government and state taxes paid last year, or a proportion equal to a \$5,000 loss for a company of \$100,000 assets. The necessity for insurance and the value of a wealthy, strong corporation is forcibly illustrated by this fire. Several weak insurance companies are destroyed. Portland has a population of 30,000—was handsomely built, mostly fine brick or stone structures—protected and secured with upward of 3,000 shade trees—bounded on three sides by water—indeed, literally, almost rising from the ocean—and with steam fire department—yet it has \$100,000 of property consumed in a few hours—upon a holiday when its people are least equipped—from the very insignificant cause of a contemptible firecracker. Remember the trifling origin of fires that sweep away in a few hours the earnings of years. Consider your best interest and invest. Atina Agents call if you need proper insurance security. Pay a fair rate of premium for a good and reliable article, and with these lights and experiences before you, procure your insurance with shrewd judgment. Applications for insurance promptly attended to by H. A. LITTLETON, CO. AGT., No. 22 Madison street.

INSURE. Lindsey & Vredenburg, Agents for the following first-class companies: Home Insurance Company, of New York. Capital, \$3,765,503. Security Insurance Company, of New York. Capital, \$1,602,708. Enterprise Insurance Company, of Cincinnati. Capital, \$1,000,000.

PARTIES DESIRING INSURANCE, either Fire, Marine or Hull, would do well to call upon LINDEY & VREDENBURGH. Before effecting insurance elsewhere. No. 11 Madison Street, Up Stairs, Memphis, Tenn.

NEW Ice Cream Saloon! CONFECTIONERY! L. ROCCO & CO., No. 313 Main Street, CORNER OF MONROE. ICE CREAMS, SODA WATER, FRUITS, and Confectioneries always on hand. Separate Saloon for Ladies. THE OKOLONA NEWS, G. D. WINSON, Editor, Published in the town of Okolona, Miss., every Thursday Morning.

THE PANOLA WEEKLY STAR. IS PUBLISHED Every Saturday Morning. AT PANOLA, MISSISSIPPI. AND CIRCULATES IN A DISTRICT OF country entirely tributary to Memphis, making it one of the most Valuable Advertising Mediums offered to the Merchants of Memphis. Panola county is one of the finest agricultural counties of the South, bordering one of the most populous. Farmers receive daily from this county and Memphis. Advertisers will find our terms VERY LOW.

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DRY GOODS.

332 MAIN STREET SOUTHERN PALACE.

STILL ANOTHER GREAT REDUCTION IN DRY GOODS!

REEVES' AMBROSIA FOR THE HAIR. IMPROVED! It is an elegant Dressing for the Hair. It causes the Hair to Curl beautifully. It keeps the Scalp Clean and Healthy. It invigorates the Roots of the Hair. It forces the Hair and Rekind to grow luxuriantly.

Enterprise Insurance Company, of Cincinnati. Capital, \$1,000,000. PARTIES DESIRING INSURANCE, either Fire, Marine or Hull, would do well to call upon LINDEY & VREDENBURGH. Before effecting insurance elsewhere. No. 11 Madison Street, Up Stairs, Memphis, Tenn.

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PRINTING.

GOOD WORK—CASH PRIORS!

Punctually Before All Things!

WHITMORE & CO.,

Proprietors of THE PUBLIC LEDGER

STEAM

JOB PRINTING HOUSE

No. 13 Madison Street.

HAVING NOW IN FULL AND COMPLETE operation the

Book and Job Departments

of this EXTENSIVE ESTABLISHMENT, we take this mode of calling the attention of our patrons and friends, and the public generally, to our NEW

Steam Arrangements.

This office is now the

LARGEST

And Best Appointed

IN THE SOUTHWEST.

And fully equal to any in the East as regards its facilities for executing Printing of every variety and in any color.

All Kinds of Work Executed,

Either in Plain or Ornamental Type,

Plain Black, Colored Inks,

GOLD LEAF AND BRONZES,

In every manner known to the profession, at home and abroad.

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS

Printed with new type—latest styles.

Ornamental, Plain and Fancy!

Steamboat Printing

In a manner unsurpassable.

INVITATION CARDS

AND

BALL TICKETS,

Illuminated with the latest ornamental and ball room scenes.

CONSTITUTIONS

Printed in elegant style.

Our large assortment of type for

SHOW BILLS AND POSTERS

Is not excelled in the United States.

LARGE PICTORIALS

Can be as readily and cheaply done at this office as they are in the East, and in as

HANDSOME STYLE.

We have in our office the

Largest Size Presses

Now in use, together with

STEAM JOBBERS,

Which enables us to print

CARDS AND BILL-HEADS

WITH GREAT CELERITY.

We have a SPLENDID ASSORTMENT of small Plain and Fancy Job Letters, suitable for

FINE WORK.

Business Cards and Circulars

In the Best Style, with suitable engravings representing business.

DIPLOMAS;

For Schools and Colleges.

Printed Equal to Copperplate.

Particular attention given to

Military and Railroad Printing.

BLANK BOOKS,

With printed backs, together with every kind of Plain and Fancy Work, done with dispatch.

MEDICAL.

A Chapter of

FOR OUR READERS

Not to be Forgotten

THE SICKLY SEASON IN OUR

country is rapidly approaching. It is every one's duty to fortify themselves against the malarial poisons. To do this every one has due regard to Hygiene, which is the great Fountain of Life. When the malarial threat becomes weakened, and the body is fortified, it may stand up to the assault. The

EUREKA LIFE BLOOD ELIXIR

is the greatest known remedy in the world for the Blood and antiseptic to counteract and ward off disease.

The Greatest Discovery Known to the World in Medicine

EUREKA LIFE-Blood Elixir

HAS AT LAST MADE ITS WAY into this country, after having been in the old world for so many years, and especially in China. The celebrated chemist and Dr. H. J. Russell, of Pekin, China, has been introduced to this continent, and has established a few wholesale agencies for the purpose of supplying all druggists throughout the United States of our country. The Blood Medicine has performed cures (astonishing), where other remedies failed. In Medical Medicine has most signally failed.

IT IS NO HUMBUG

QUACK NOSTRUM!

but is a preparation which has been brought out after many long years of the deepest research, aided by the greatest chemical skill, and introduced to this continent, and production; we therefore place it wholly upon its OWN MERITS, asking the invalid or ill to

TRY IT ONCE

to be fully convinced, as its effects are instantaneous. It is a blood purifier, and once into the blood and penetrating every pore of the whole body, driving out every impurity from the whole system, and creating a PURE LIFE-BLOOD; hence its name. It will be for sale by all Druggists, as soon as sufficient supply can be made.

J. B. WASSON & CO., Wholesale Agents.

DR. RUSSELL'S PRIVATE MEDICAL DISPENSARY

(Established in 1859.)

THE ONLY RELIABLE PLACE FOR THE CURE OF

Private Diseases

DR. RUSSELL, Nos. 40 AND 42 NORTH Court street, north side Court Square, Memphis, Tennessee. It is acknowledged by all parties interested, as by far the

MOST SUCCESSFUL PHYSICIAN

in the treatment of Private or Secret Diseases. Guaranteed in every case, male or female. Recent cases of GONORRHEA and SYPHILIS cured in a few days, without the use of Mercury, change of diet or hindrance of business. SECONDARY SYPHILIS—last stage eradicated without the use of Mercury. Voluntary Loss of Semen stopped in a short time. Sufferers from Impotency, Loss of Sexual Power restored to free vigor in a few weeks. Gonorrhea of long standing, when all internal remedies have failed permanently and speedily cured by a treatment.

Victims of SELF-ABUSE and excessive Venery, suffering from SPERMATORRHOEA, Chronic Emission, Neurasthenia, Prostatitis, and all other diseases, treated by the aid of Electro Magnetic Battery.

RUSSELL'S VENEREAL PREVENTIVE. Office Hours—From 9 A.M. to 1 P.M., and from 2 P.M. to 5 P.M.

DEAFNESS, CATARRH

CONSUMPTION,

AND

Cancer Cured

—AND—

ORGANIC VIBRATOR.

It fits into the ear, is not perceptible, removes ringing noises in the head, and enables deaf persons to hear distinctly at church, public assemblies. This instrument will often produce results almost miraculous, and in most cases of long standing deafness, has relieved in a short time. It may be adjusted with the ease of spectacles.

Dr. Russell will be particularly at it at Washington Place, University Buildings, N. Y., daily, 10 to 4, except Tuesdays, when he will be at his rooms, 102 Pine street, New York, N. Y.

IT IS AN UNFAILING REMEDY IN ALL cases of Neurasthenia, often effecting a perfect cure in less than twenty-four hours from the use of no more than two or three pills.

No other form of Neurasthenia or Nervous disease has failed to yield to this wonderful remedial agent.

Even in the severest cases of Chronic Neurasthenia and general nervous debility, of many years standing, affecting the entire system, it is used for a few days, or a few weeks at the utmost, always affords the most astonishing relief, and very rarely fails to produce a complete and permanent cure.

It contains no drugs or other materials in the slightest degree injurious, even to the most delicate system, and can always be used with PERFECT SAFETY.

It has long been in constant use by many of our most eminent Physicians, who give it their unqualified and unqualified approval.

Sent by mail on receipt of price and postage. One package, \$1.00. Postage 2 cents. Six packages, \$5.00. Postage 12 cents. Twelve packages, \$9.00. Postage 24 cents.

It is sold by all wholesale and retail dealers in Drugs and Medicines throughout the United States, and by

TURNER & CO., Sole Proprietors, 129 Tremont street, Boston, Mass.

Sold by G. W. JONES, Agents, No. 332 Main street, Memphis, Tenn.

With printed backs, together with every kind of Plain and Fancy Work, done with dispatch.

Blank Books,

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